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1. Following the dismissal of Professor Hund as Rector of the University of Jena, several faculty meetings were called to discuss the situation and to propose a successor to Professor Hund. Dr. Maria Tomhorst, Minister of Education, and Oberregierungsrat Senf from Weimar, who were present at the meetings, warned that the position of the university was likely to become extremely critical if a candidate not agreeable to the SMA should be proposed. They recommended the botanist Professor Schwarz, a member of the Volksrat and the SED. One of the professors thereupon proposed, as the easiest way out, that a suitable successor be appointed by the "higher authorities". Lt. Col. Bogodev, who attended all meetings, objected, however, to this proposal, saying that such a procedure was contrary to the wishes of the SMA, which insisted on a free and democratic election. Following this, Professor Schwarz, being the only candidate, received a majority of votes.
2. In addition to Professor Bense, who left for the western zones, and Professor Leisegang, who was dismissed, the Department of Philosophy also lost Professor Menzer. The latter, in one of his lectures on "Ethics of Values", assailed present-day tendencies. He criticized, among other things, the remaining of streets for men still living whose historical importance had not yet been proved. His remarks were well received; however, the SED group immediately lodged a complaint against Professor Menzer, which resulted in his retirement.
3. The Dean of the Department of Sociology and Pedagogy (Sozialpaedagogische Fakultät) has likewise been dismissed as an aftermath of his refusal to approve the thesis of former Minister Walter Wolf, which would have entitled him to become a member of the university faculty. Professor Peterson was replaced by Dr. Schrader, a former SPD member who now belongs to the SED but is regarded as a moderate and objective man.
4. The Art School Burg Giebichenstein in Halle is regarded as reactionary and its students have therefore been deprived of special student food rations. A short time ago the FDJ carried on a propaganda campaign among the students, in which it was made clear that the continuance of the institution could be guaranteed only if the full student body enrolled in the FDJ. In spite of the uneasiness aroused by this veiled threat, many students abstained from applying for membership, while a few withdrew their names after having listened to a talk about "freedom of conscience" given by the Evangelical Students' Association.

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